

## Bureau of Prisons, Justice

## § 545.30

the institution. When the supervisor of an inmate worker assigned to this temporary job assignment believes the inmate has performed exceptionally well, the supervisor may recommend that the inmate received a special bonus. Written justification for the special bonus request must be forwarded to the Department Head for approval.

(h) An inmate's performance pay, once earned, becomes vested.

(i) Each inmate in performance pay status shall be notified of monthly earnings.

[49 FR 38915, Oct. 1, 1984. Redesignated and amended at 56 FR 23478, 23479, May 21, 1991; 61 FR 379, Jan. 4, 1996; 63 FR 67560, Dec. 7, 1998]

### § 545.27 Inmate vacations.

(a) An inmate who has worked full-time for 12 consecutive months on an institution work assignment is eligible to take a five-day paid vacation at the inmate's prevailing hourly rate. A recommendation for an inmate to receive vacation credit is made by the inmate's work supervisor, through the Department Head, to the Unit Team, who shall approve the request if the inmate's work performance qualifies for vacation credit.

(b) Staff shall schedule an inmate's vacation so it is compatible with shop production and administrative support requirements.

(c) The Warden or designee may authorize an inmate to accumulate vacation credit when:

(1) The inmate is transferred to another institution for the benefit of the government or because of the inmate's favorable adjustment (custody reduction); or

(2) The inmate is placed in a new work assignment in the institution for the benefit of the government or institution, rather than solely at the inmate's request or because of the inmate's poor performance or adverse behavior.

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### § 545.28 Achievement awards.

(a) With prior approval of the Education Department, each inmate who completes the Literacy program, Vocational Training, or related trades class-

room work that is part of a certified apprenticeship program may be granted an achievement award from performance pay funds.

(b) With prior approval of the Psychology Services Department, each inmate who is making satisfactory progress or completes a residential drug treatment program may also be granted an achievement award from performance pay funds.

[61 FR 379, Jan. 4, 1996]

### § 545.29 Special awards.

(a) Inmates who perform exceptional services not ordinarily a part of the inmate's regular assignment may be granted a special award regardless of the inmate's work or program status. Examples of actions which may result in the inmate being considered for a special award are the following:

(1) An act of heroism.

(2) Voluntary acceptance and satisfactory performance of an unusually hazardous assignment.

(3) An act which protects the lives of employees or inmates, or the property of the United States. (This does not apply to informants.)

(4) Suggestions which result in substantial improvements or cost-savings in institutional programs or operations.

(5) Other exceptionally meritorious or outstanding services consistent with the general character of the preceding cases.

(b) The special award may be given in the form of a monetary payment in addition to any other award (e.g., extra good time) given.

(c) The Warden of each institution is empowered to approve special awards not exceeding \$150. Awards in excess of this amount may not be made unless approved by the Regional Director.

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### § 545.30 Funds due deceased inmates.

Funds due a deceased inmate for work performed and not yet paid shall be made to a legal representative of the inmate's estate or in accordance